

**2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
GASCONADE COUNTY  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

Owensville, Missouri

# VFW Post 6133 Posting of Colors



# Silent Auction

- Raised \$698.50

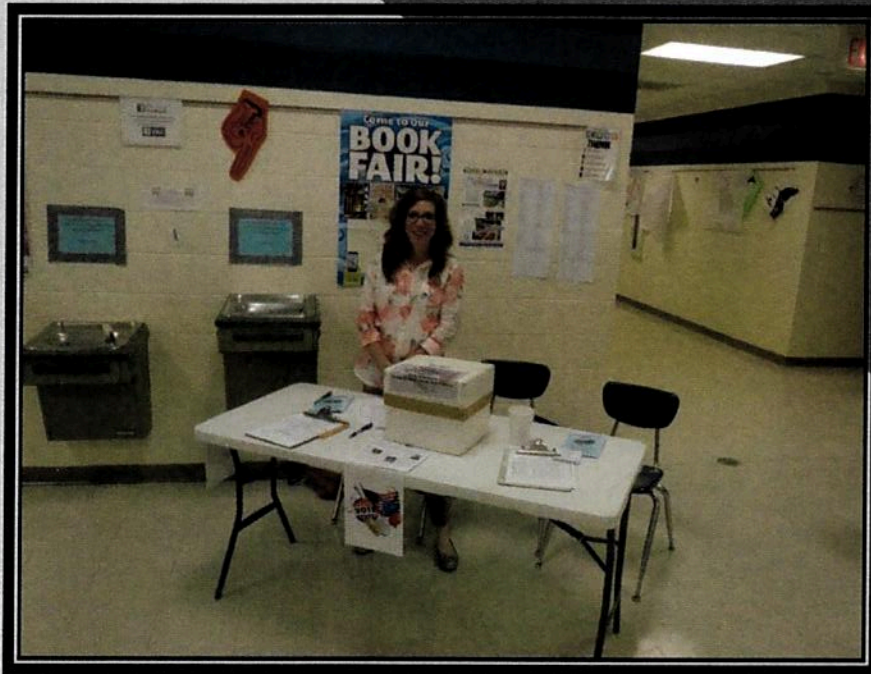


## DONATIONS BY:

- ◉ Agri-Missouri
- ◉ Sydenstricker Implement
- ◉ Bockting Equipment
- ◉ James & Peggy Schafer
- ◉ Swiss Meat & Sausage Co.
- ◉ White Mule Winery
- ◉ Rosebud Tractor
- ◉ Stone Hill Winery
- ◉ Owensville MFA
- ◉ Schaeperkoetter Sales & Service

- ◉ Commissioner Larry Miskel
- ◉ Commissioner Jerry Lairmore
- ◉ Jost Tire
- ◉ First State Community Bank
- ◉ Barch Hill Farm
- ◉ Pioneer Lumber Company
- ◉ Curtman Insurance Company
- ◉ Owensville First Bank
- ◉ Legends Bank
- ◉ Maries County Bank - Owensville

# Elections for Area I and III



## Area I: Richland & Boulware Townships

**Mike Haeffner – 28 Votes**

Chelten Hasty – 11 Votes

## Area III: Third Creek, Clay & Bourbois Townships

**Debra Nowack – 33 Votes**

Glen Boettcher – 8 Votes

## Election Judges:

Kate Gerlemann

Brenda Kurrelmeyer

Cathy Shoemaker

# Conservation Family of the Year Award

- Vera Nicks Family (Todd Nicks)



# Conservation Family Award

## Presented by Secretary Matt Herring

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to recognize Vera Nicks, her son, Todd, and the rest of the extended family as the 2015 Conservation Family of the Year.

Todd has been actively farming the family farm for approximately 6 years and they have been a district cooperator since 2011. All of the cows on the farm are descendants of the original horned Herefords that were purchased by Todd's grandfather, Evert Nicks. They are currently running 52 cows and 12 calves.

Utilizing the state cost-share program, the Nicks Family has installed two woodland exclusions fences on the property to protect the woodlands and wildlife habitat. They have incorporated an intensive grazing system on the property by installing 6,566 feet of pipeline and 8 watering facilities on the 115 serviceable acres. This past summer they completed 3,278 feet of additional cross fencing using hi-tensil fence. They intensify the system with polywire and utilize strip grazing during the winter months.

This fall, the Nicks Family will be hosting our Tri-county Grazing School to showcase their system.

Todd is a staff member at the Steelville R-3 School District. The family enjoys hiking, hunting and fishing as well as riding bikes on vacation. They are members of the Seasons of Faith Church.

We are pleased with the conservation management practices that the Nicks Family is working to incorporate on their farm, and we are honored to present them as our 2015 Conservation Family of the Year.

# Volunteer Award

● Gary & Sharon Mace



# 2015 Volunteer Award

## Presented by Treasurer Matthew Estes

THE GASCONADE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, PARTICIPATES IN THE EARTH TEAM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. EACH YEAR, WE PUT ON A VARIETY OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THESE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS.

THIS YEAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE GARY AND SHARON MACE AS OUR "VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR." SHARON IS A RETIRED GASCONADE COUNTY FSA EMPLOYEE AND SHE HAS BEEN ASSISTING US WITH JUDGING THE ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS. SHARON ASSISTED WITH OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD DAYS WHILE SHE WAS EMPLOYEED WITH FSA AND SHE AND GARY HAVE CONTINUED ASSISTING NOW THAT SHE IS RETIRED. SHE HAS WORKED WITH THE BABY ANIMAL SITE AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATING HOW PACKING PEANUTS, MADE FROM SOYBEANS, ARE BIO-DEGRADABLE. SHE AND GARY ARE ALWAYS EAGER TO ASSIST WHERE EVER THEY CAN. THIS PAST YEAR THEY NOT ONLY ASSISTED WITH THE MEAL PREPARATION AND SERVING BUT THEY CAME BACK LATER IN THE DAY TO ASSIST WITH PASSING OUT THE EDUCATION BAGS AND ICE CREAM AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHICH WAS A GREAT HELP. GARY AND SHARON ENJOY COMING AND SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE STAFF.

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT GARY AND SHARON WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR ALL THEY DO AS AN EARTHTEAM VOLUNTEER!

# Partnership Award

- Owensville Walmart – Glen Ely



# 2015 Partnership Award

## Presented by Vice-Chairman Mike Haeffner

THE GASCONADE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROVIDES MOST OF ITS SERVICES THROUGH THE 1/10<sup>TH</sup> OF 1% PARKS AND SOILS SALES TAX, WHICH IS CELEBRATING ITS 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BEGINNING IN 2016. IN ADDITION TO THIS FUNDING, WE RELY ON OUR COOPERATING PARTNERS TO ASSIST WITH PROGRAM DELIVERY AS WELL AS INCENTIVES AND AWARDS.

WITH THIS IN MIND, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECONGISE THE OWENSVILLE WALMART AS THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL PROJECTS FOR WELL OVER 20 YEARS. GLEN ELY AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN GRACIOUSLY DONATING THE GRAND PRIZE BICYCLE FOR OUR ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST AND THEY HAVE DONATED ALL OF THE COOKIES NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD DAYS AND BI-ANNUAL FFA AG FIELD EVENTS. THIS PAST YEAR, THEY WERE A GOLD SPONSOR WITH A DONATION OF \$1,000 FOR OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL OMG – WOMEN IN AG EVENT, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER 200 LADIES INTERESTED IN THEIR AGRICULTURAL WELL-BEING.

WE, AT THE GASCONADE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, REALIZE THE VITAL ROLE THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE TOWARDS OUR SUCCESS IN REACHING YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE WITH THE CONSERVATION MESSAGE. WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT GLEN ELY AND THE OWENSVILLE WALMART STORE WITH THIS YEAR'S COOPERATING PARTNERSHIP AWARD.

Crowds – 148 people in attendance!





Delicious Pie made by Cathy Mauzey,  
Caterer!



Speakers from Department of Ag:  
Cindy Thompson and Shawn Inglish

